

RESOLVE REVIVING AND CONTINUING THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE REORGANIZATION OF THE CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM. *Chap. 52*

*Resolved*, That the joint special committee on the reorganization of the correctional system, created by order adopted in concurrence by the senate on June ninth, and by the house on June thirteenth, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, and continued by chapter one hundred and thirty-two of the resolves of nineteen hundred and fifty-five, is hereby revived and continued for the purpose of study and investigation of the reorganization of the board of probation, the parole board, including compensation of members and employees, the sentencing of convicts, the equalization and adjustment of salary schedules within the department of correction, and such other of the subject matter of senate document numbered seven hundred and fifty of the year nineteen hundred and fifty-five as it may deem necessary or desirable. Said committee shall be furnished with quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may hold public hearings, may travel within and without the commonwealth, shall have the power to summon witnesses and to require the production of books, records and papers as it deems necessary. Said committee may expend for legal, clerical and other services the balance available in item 0110-60 of section two of chapter seven hundred and eighty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-five and such other sums as may be appropriated therefor. Said committee may report to the general court from time to time the results of its investigation and study and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, and shall file its final report with the clerk of the house not later than the third Wednesday in January, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

*Approved April 5, 1956.*

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RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY THE REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES RELATIVE TO PROVIDING FOR THE REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS BY THE SPOUSE OF THE OWNER AND PROVIDING SECURITY FOR JUDGMENTS AGAINST CERTAIN NON-RESIDENT OWNERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND AGAINST CERTAIN NON-RESIDENTS OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH. *Chap. 53*

*Resolved*, That the registry of motor vehicles is hereby authorized and directed to make an investigation and study of the subject matter of current senate document numbered 88, relative to providing for the registration of motor vehicles and trailers by the spouse of the owner, and of current house document numbered 730, relative to providing security for judgments against certain non-resident owners of motor vehicles and against certain non-residents operating motor vehicles within the commonwealth. Said registry of

motor vehicles shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before the first Wednesday of December in the current year.

*Approved April 10, 1956.*

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*Chap. 54* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL RELATIVE TO THE DISCLOSURE BEFORE TRIAL OF THE NAMES OF WITNESSES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH IN CRIMINAL CASES.

*Resolved*, That the judicial council be requested to investigate the disclosure before trial of the names of witnesses for the commonwealth in criminal cases, and to include its conclusions and its recommendations, if any, in relation thereto, with drafts of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to the same, in its annual report for the current year.

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*Chap. 55* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE ELIMINATION OF ALL PROCEDURAL DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN ACTIONS AT LAW AND SUITS IN EQUITY.

*Resolved*, That the judicial council be directed to investigate and study the merit and practical advantage to eliminating all existing procedural distinctions between actions at law and suits in equity to the end that the equitable defence of "adequate remedy at law" be abolished, and to include its conclusions and recommendations in relation thereto, with drafts of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to the same, in its annual report for the current year.

*Approved April 10, 1956.*

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*Chap 56* RESOLVE INCREASING THE SCOPE OF THE INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY THE SPECIAL COMMISSION ON TAXATION.

*Resolved*, That the unpaid special commission, known as the special commission on taxation, established by chapter eighty-six of the resolves of nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and most recently continued by chapter one hundred and thirty-four of the resolves of nineteen hundred and fifty-five, is hereby authorized and directed to make an investigation and study of the structure and enforcement of corporation excise and surtax taxes, the investment by corporations in tax exempt securities at year end, the taxation of trust transferable shares and the definition of corporations subject to the Massachusetts corporation tax. Said commission shall, in making its investigation and study, consider the subject